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We have received copies of the most important bills now pending before the legislature. Parties wishing to see them may do so by calling at the UNION office.

BELONGS TO ALL SECTIONS.

The manner in which the eyes of the members of the legislature and those of prominent citizens from all parts of the state have been opened to the importance and broad influence of the Oregon Agricultural College, repays a hundred fold the expense and trouble experienced in bringing them to Corvallis. Without a personal inspection, no conception can be formed of the practical and thorough work that is being done in this, Oregon's leading educational institution. No one can make such an inspection without feeling a personal pride in the O. A. C. People of Corvallis being more familiar with the conditions at the college than those from a distance, have a keen interest in its welfare, and it is this pride felt by people at the home of the institution that has given the impression abroad that the college is local in its nature.

But the Oregon Agricultural College is no more a Corvallis college than the capital of Oregon is the capital of Salem. Students from twenty-four of the thirty-two counties of the state attend the O. A. C., and every one of them feels that the college is his college, and takes as an insult the insinuation that the school which he helps to support, and which offers him the same opportunities as it does to the student who happens to live a little nearer, is a local institution or belongs to Corvallis.

The college is really a United States college, for its greatest support comes from the general government and its beneficial influence is commensurate with the boundaries of the country. Oregon feels a keener interest in it than do other states for she contributes more than any other to maintain it, and her responsibility is greater. And citizens of Corvallis take more pride in the college than do more distant communities, because its location here imposes certain duties and places us in the position of guardians of the property of Uncle Sam and the people of Oregon.

The peace treaty has been ratified by congress. While this action comes somewhat tardily and the treaty escaped defeat by but one vote, the country should congratulate itself that this body, which fumed and vapored until war was declared, got itself balanced enough to accept the fruits of the war at all. Oregon's senators honored their state by voting for ratification. Had Governor Lord not called the special session, Senator Simon might not have been in Washington to save the treaty.

The Oregonian's special correspondent from Salem, A. Holman, is the only representative of a reputable paper in the state who adversely criticised the members of the legislature for doing their duty in visiting the college. One gathers from reading the articles of this impudent fellow that he is an inexperienced smart aleck; and by his works, is probably a fair way to judge him.

THE PROMISED LAND.

W. P. Lafferty Writes to His Friends in Missouri. Invites Them to Oregon.

Mr. W. P. Lafferty, who arrived in Corvallis from Trenton, Missouri, with his family, last fall, is the kind of material that Oregon welcomes to her fold. He has already adapted himself to our customs and sits right in to our western life as if to the manner born. Appreciating the great natural advantages of his adopted Oregon, and her future possibilities, he is corresponding with friends in his recent home and urging them to join him in this land of plenty and of promise. In a recent communication to the Republican, published in Trenton, he pictures our location and describes our climate, our resources and our institutions. He says in part:

The hand of Providence seemingly directed our foot-steps toward

the Willamette valley. I will not attempt to give a minute description of this valley. Suffice it to say it is considered one of the most beautiful valleys in Oregon and perhaps the most productive, yielding rich harvests of golden grain and fruit in abundance. The scenery is perfectly delightful; with her beautiful valleys, the clear waters of the Willamette flowing at your feet and in the distance the snow-capped peaks are plainly visible with the tall pines clustering on the mountain side. As we look we exclaim, "How wonderful are thy works, O Lord, and thy ways past finding out." Then as I witness the clouds forming and rising in the mountains, thus shutting them off from view with the rain following in their course, I say how emblematical of human life, with man representing the mountain, the clouds of adversity, sorrow and misfortune ever hovering over him, and the rainfall representing the tear of repentance and regret over the mistakes of the past. Then springs forth the glorious sunshine of immortal hope, that when this short life is over we shall find that haven of rest so vainly sought for on earth. Truly "once launched upon life's tempestuous sea all is turmoil and confusion from the cradle to the grave."

Corvallis is a town of perhaps 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants, county seat of Benton county, 100 miles from Portland and about 60 miles from Yaquina bay. The town was located many years ago and, unfortunately for the health, wealth and general prosperity of the place, many of the old antiquated buildings are still standing along the business streets, but the residences are of modern style and will surpass Trenton in neatness and cleanliness. Our city hall is a little beauty, built of brick, two stories, solid and artistic, and the court house I am told is second in the state in point of architectural beauty and convenience, costing about \$85,000. We have two flouring mills doing business on an extensive scale. One mill is now unloading from the boats 55,000 bushels of wheat from one of its water houses up the river and I understand they have a few thousand bushels scattered around in other places to meet emergencies. They grind about 400,000 bushels of wheat yearly, shipping about 100,000 barrels of flour to foreign markets. We also have a saw mill on a large scale, running great rafts of logs down the river to the mill where they are handled entirely by machinery; lumber passing out into the dry house and the slabs into stovewood. From the pine forests they can get the logs any size or length they wish. The top joists in the new armory building at the college are 72 feet long, 10 x 10 and one solid piece of timber without a splice or wood-pecker hole. I stepped into the mill to get a few boards 12 feet long, double-faced, and they sawed boards 24 feet long to supply my wants. We also have a planing mill where they saw nearly everything along the line of moulding, sash, blinds, etc., and a variety of other business industries all in a flourishing condition.

Here also is located the Oregon Agricultural College, one of the largest educational institutions in the state, over a half million being invested in buildings and grounds. The last legislature appropriated \$25,000 for a new mechanical hall which is now under construction. It is being built of native stone and if I quote correctly is 80x125, two stories high. The grounds are perfectly delightful and it would seem that the All-wise Being in distributing mother earth had taken special pains to arrange this spot for this particular purpose. The present enrollment is about 400 bright, intelligent-looking boys and girls, principally the products of Oregon soil and of whom the state can well feel proud. Any young man or woman resident of the state is admitted free of tuition on presentation of a certificate of good standing, who have finished a course in certain approved grammar schools, and can enter the freshman class. Hence the finest place in the west in which to educate the children.

The public school building is centrally located, very commodious, well manned with teachers of recognized ability and has an enrollment of about 400.

The religious sentiment of the community seems to date back to the piety of the early pioneers, fully

illustrating that the steps of a good man (or woman) are ordered by the Lord and that the impression thus made has been visited down to the second generation, for nearly all the churches are represented here with a good attendance and in prosperous condition. With such environments surrounding the people I need not tell you they are refined, intelligent, prosperous and happy. They seem to live to enjoy life and feast on the fat of the land, reminding me of the early days of Trenton when the young and old vied with each other in making their neighbor happy.

The climate is mild, the temperature even, very little freezing, and in fact the cabbage has stood in the garden all winter, with pansies and daisies now in full bloom and the sunshine of today reminds me very much of a beautiful May day in Missouri. But you say how about the Oregon rains? Well, yes, we are told there is no paradise on earth. Without the petty annoyances of earth the joy of heaven would be incomplete. It has rained nearly every day during the past month, coming down so gently and quietly, in striking contrast with the regular old Missouri blizzard so common at this season of the year, that we rather enjoy it. Then the last few days of glorious sunshine makes a man's soul feel so good he forgets all about the rain. No biting frosts, no heavy snow and slush on the sidewalks, no keen cutting wind coming down from the northwest raising you off the sidewalk. Except for the rain the climatic conditions are delightful and we look forward to the coming summer with joyous anticipation, for they tell me they have no warm sultry nights in which the weary soul lies down on the floor to pant and sweat (and sometimes swear if a man is built that way) but the gentle sea breeze rises about four o'clock each day, acting as a sweet lullaby after the day's work is over, and pulling the usual amount of cover over your weary frame you can enjoy the sweetest of nature's blessings, sleep.

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Until recently it would have been necessary to reply that the sea contained no measured chasm equaling in depth the elevation of Mount Gaurisankar, otherwise known as Mount Everest, in the Himalayas.

But according to the most recent soundings there are three holes in the bed of the ocean between the Fiji Islands and New Zealand, each of which is considerably deeper than the great Asiatic mountain is tall.

The height of Mount Gaurisankar is supposed to be about 29,000 feet, or a trifle less than five miles and a half. The most profound of the ocean pits just referred to sinks to a depth of about 31,000 feet, thus exceeding by 2,000 feet the elevation of the loftiest mountain known.

But there is a bare chance that the mountains may come out ahead yet, because the Himalayas have not been thoroughly explored, and rumor asserts that in the heart of that immense range and shut round by an almost inaccessible wilderness of icy peaks and tremendous walls of rock there are snowy summits which soar higher even than Gaurisankar.—G. P. S. in New York World.

A Country of Chess.

One can scarcely take up a German paper or magazine which does not have its special column or corner devoted to chess and its interests. The children are set to work on simple chess puzzles in their papers, while the magazines for older readers present problems which seem almost hopeless of solution to an inexperienced player. There are chess clubs, chessrooms, chess-books and chess players without number.

Thorns and Roses.

How true it is that there is no rose without a thorn! Even the rocking chair is not an unmix'd blessing, as anybody who has run his ankle against one of its rockers is amply able to testify.—Exchange.

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